

OPINION 1727

Schizopus Le Conte, 1858 (Insecta, Coleoptera): placed on the Official List of Generic Names

Ruling

(1) The name *Schizopus* Le Conte, [April] 1858 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Schizopus laetus* Le Conte, 1858, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(2) The name *laetus* Le Conte, 1858, as published in the binomen *Schizopus laetus* (specific name of the type species of *Schizopus* Le Conte, 1858), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *Schizopus* Claparède & Lachmann, [December] 1858 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology (a junior homonym of *Schizopus* Le Conte, [April] 1858).

History of Case 2773

An application for the conservation of *Schizopus* Le Conte, 1858 was received from Prof G.H. Nelson (*College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Pomona, California, U.S.A.*) on 14 May 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 305–307 (December 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. Comments by Prof L.B. Holthuis (*Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden, The Netherlands*) and Dr V. Mahnert (*Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Genève, Switzerland*), published in BZN 49: 232–233 (September 1992), gave the dates of publication of the (1858) works by Le Conte and Claparède & Lachmann as April and December respectively.

It was noted on the voting paper that since *Schizopus* Le Conte was the prior name there was no need for Commission action to conserve it. Proposal (4)(1) on BZN 48: 305–306 was therefore withdrawn. The Commission was asked only to place *Schizopus*, and the name of its type species *S. laetus*, both of Le Conte ([April] 1858), on appropriate Official Lists, and *Schizopus* Claparède & Lachmann, [December] 1858 (a junior homonym) on the Official Index. Use of the plenary powers was not required and a simple majority vote would suffice.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 48: 306, with proposal (4)(1) withdrawn, as noted above. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Heppell and Štys.

Lehtinen abstained.

Heppell, Lehtinen and Štys commented that, in their view, there was no need to place the senior homonym *Schizopus* Le Conte on the Official List. (*Editorial*

note. This is the most effective way of recording the facts which came to light as a result of the submission of the case to the Commission).

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

laetus, *Schizopus*, Le Conte, [April] 1858, *Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia*, 1858: 70.

Schizopus Claparède & Lachmann, [December] 1858, *Mémoires de l'Institut National Génevois*, 5: 182.

Schizopus Le Conte, [April] 1858, *Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia*, 1858: 70.